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OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has initiated steps against private producers and agencies which owed outstanding payment amounting to Rs. 169.28 crores;

(b) if so, the names of private producers and agencies continuously delaying payments;

(c) the outstanding payments recovered from them, so far;

(d) the number of private producers against whom legal action has been taken; and

(e) the number of defaulters who have been refused permission or extension of programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): Prasar Bharati has intimated that out of Rs. 169.28 crores outstanding as on 31st March,2002, they have made recovery of Rs. 19.18 crores as on date. Out of 29 agencies which have been continuously delaying payments, two have cleared their dues and one is a Government undertaking. Names of the remaining 26 private producers and agencies are as per annexure and amount recovered from them during 2002-03 (till date) is of the order of Rs. 282 lakhs. Prasar Bharati has initiated legal action in 40 cases and 47 companies / agencies have not been allowed business with Doordarshan.